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1. FEBRUARY 17 JORDAN MEDIA REPORTS CONTINUE TO PLAY SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT AS STRAIGHT NEWS (MAINLY FROM REUTERS) WITH ONLY TWO EDITORIALS. TYPICAL OF FRONT PAGE CAPTIONS WAS "NO CHANGE IN AMERICAN POSITION VIS A VIS THE PLO".
2. COMMENTING ON AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE M.E. AS-SHA'AB EXPRESSED ITS CONVICTION "THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS THE KEY TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM....AND CAN OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES PLANTED BY ISRAEL IN THE FACE OF THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE".
3. COMMENTING ON THE "SIMILARITY" BETWEEN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE VIETNAMESE PROBLEM, THE JORDAN TIMES WONDERS WHY "VANCE THOUGHT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PLO AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SEEM OUT OF THE QUESTION ON THE BASIS THAT PLO REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE

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ISRAEL...(WHILE) THE U.S. AND THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HELD THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRG"? THE JORDAN TIMES CONCLUDES BY QUESTIONING WHY "VANCE ASCRIBES RULES TO PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN RULES APPLIED TO NEGOTIATIONS THE UNITED STATES ITSELF WAS INVOLVED IN ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO?... IS ISRAEL SO SPECIAL IN THE EYES OF THE UNITED STATES...."
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